

## SLIGHT CLUE TO MURDERER

In His Flight He Left a Small Pair of Pinch-ers.

### COLORED BOY DISCHARGED

Police Satisfied That if They Can Find Stolen Goods They Will Have the Murderer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NOTFOLK, VA., September 23.—There is a slight clue which may possibly result in the final capture of the unknown burglar who shot and killed Policeman John McNeerney in W. A. Bonney and Son's grocery store, at the corner of Bute and Cumberland Streets, last night. The burglar in his hurry to get out of the Bonney store after shooting the officer left behind several small tools which he had been using in an effort to open the safe therein, and one of the tools was to-day identified as the property of Mr. W. B. Stokes, the tool having been carried off by the burglars who, night before last, robbed Davis's furniture store, just across from Mr. Stokes's liquor store, on Church Street.

The article identified is a pair of ordinary pinchers, which Mr. Davis, proprietor of the furniture store, borrowed from Mr. Stokes some days ago. From the Davis store were carried off several pairs of lace curtains, portiers, etc., and the aim of the police detectives, who are now working on the case, is to find some trace of the goods stolen from the Davis store. If the burglar in this instance can be traced and captured the police officials are quite confident that they will have the murderer of Officer McNeerney.

Practically all local pawn shops and second-hand stores were searched by policemen in citizens' clothes to-day in an effort to find some of the stolen goods, but up to this time this report could not be located. The police officers are quite confident that they will have the murderer of Officer McNeerney.

Willie Gibbs, a young colored boy, who was arrested shortly after the killing of Officer McNeerney last night, has been released. It was first declared that Gibbs was employed at Bonney's store and that a key he had unlocked the place, but it afterwards developed that Gibbs was never employed at Bonney's store. The key found in his possession was quite different to the Bonney store key.

The Mayor has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of the murderer.

A State golf tournament will be held on the links at Norfolk County Club this fall. The prize cup must be won three years in succession to be held permanently. The tournament will be under the auspices of a State golf association, composed of the Norfolk Country Club, Hampton Roads Golf and Country Club, Alexandria Golf and Country Club, Washington Golf Club, Roslyn, Va., the Hermitage Golf Club and other similar organizations.

### THE RADFORD FAIR.

Horse Show Features to be Added to the Cattle Exhibit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RADFORD, VA., Sept. 23.—The great District Fair, which is being held at the Southwest Virginia Agricultural and Live Stock Association, will be held at the Radford Fair Grounds October 15th to 20th inclusive. It will be a great event, for in addition to what it has been in the past, the greatest cattle show in the State, there will be added the leading attraction of the horse show, and the fair will be the history of the fair hunters will share the honors with race horses, riding and driving.

There will be a tournament, followed by a coronation ball. The Roanoke Machine Works and will play on the grounds and give concerts in the Opera House at night.

The amount offered in premiums this year is larger than ever before.

Herds of fine cattle will be seen, not only from Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, but from Indiana and possibly other Western States. The services of a professional judge, Mr. R. M. Bond, a cattle expert of note, have been secured.

Mr. Hal Tyler, secretary of the association, and the other officers of the association are working hard, and everything points to a most successful exhibit.

Major John T. Cowan, of Montgomery, president of the association, with Major W. W. Bentley, of Pulaski, first vice-president, and Mr. J. R. K. Bell, of Pulaski, second vice-president; Mr. W. W. Bentley, of Pulaski, first vice-president, and Mr. J. R. K. Bell, of Pulaski, second vice-president; Mr. W. W. Bentley, of Pulaski, first vice-president, and Mr. J. R. K. Bell, of Pulaski, second vice-president.

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### A Desperate Negro.

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LA CROSSE, VA., Sept. 23.—Two men left here for Henderson, N. C., yesterday. One of the men was a negro, who killed John Wych last Sunday near Skelton. This is said to be the third man he has killed, and is very reckless and dangerous. A few days ago he went to a colored man's house and shot the dog. Two months ago he shot a man with a double-barreled shot gun and one of the other with a pistol. He told them if they came out there he would kill them, so they thought best to retire.

### William and Mary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., September 23.—One hundred and fifty-five students have matriculated at William and Mary College up to this time. Compared with last session, this is a decided gain.

President Tyler believes that the attendance this session will be between one hundred and seventy-five and two hundred. Extensive repairs have been made during the past summer, and special efforts were put forth to induce students to come to this college.

### Frost in Sussex.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DOCKERY, VA., Sept. 23.—There was frost here last night. It is very early for this section. No damage was done to any crops.

### Chinese Cadets.

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### TEE-DEE Want

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## Fashion Looks With Favor Upon Brown Just Now.

My Suits in the various shades of this popular color are sure to please even the most fastidious dressers.

For the more conservative there are numerous other fabrics to select from for Men's Wear.

## MEYER GREENTREE, Broad and Sixth Streets.

with the approval of the Chinese Minister at Washington. Their names are Y. Hsing Wen and Ting Chia Chen, brother of Mr. Chen. Their ages are nineteen and twenty years, respectively. Mr. William H. Reid, of Chicago, Ill., is a visitor in Lexington this week through his generosity Washington and Lee University now enjoys a splendid engineering hall, recently completed. Mr. Reid expressed himself as well pleased with the building and its beautiful location. He held a reception for the students in the chapel Thursday afternoon. This was his first visit to Lexington.

### CAMPAIN IN MADISON.

Shackelford, Barksdale and Hay Discuss the Issues.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MADISON, VA., September 23.—The campaign was opened here yesterday. It was old county court day, and what is now known in these parts as "stock sale day" and political speaking having been advertised to take place, a large number of the voters were on hand.

The speaking took place in the courthouse, and the meeting was called to order by George L. Browning, the Democratic county chairman, who in a graceful manner first introduced State Senator George B. Shackelford, of Orange, who followed by State Senator W. P. Barksdale, who spoke for nearly an hour, and had his audience with him from start to finish. He made a very able and eloquent speech, which he interspersed with a great deal of humor and wit.

Congressman James Hay was the last speaker. He spoke for about thirty minutes. He discussed the issues of the day and also rendered a good account of his stewardship in Congress. The county is proud of his record as a representative.

### Pittsylvania Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHATHAM, VA., September 23.—The special term of Pittsylvania County Court, which convened Friday, adjourned Thursday. Twenty criminal cases were tried. Edward Jackson was sentenced one year each to the penitentiary on five charges of car breaking; Junius Watson, four charges of car breaking, sentenced one year to the penitentiary on five charges of car breaking; Adrian Jeffries, one year for housebreaking; Charley Booth, colored, eighteen years for murder; Sandy White, colored, twenty years for larceny; Floyd Whitehead, one year for housebreaking.

The term was devoted to criminal business. Nineteen criminal cases set for the regular term in October, which convenes on the fourth Monday.

### A Great Peach Crop.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
AETON, VA., Sept. 23.—Shippers are busy sending late peaches to the Northern markets. The largest shipment of peaches was made from Afton this season than ever known. They are of fine flavor, large, and well colored.

It is estimated that between 6,000 and 10,000 crates of October peaches will be shipped from Crozet alone.

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### DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 23.—The City Democratic Executive Committee organized last night by unanimously electing Colonel E. D. Cole chairman, Mr. W. D. Scott was elected secretary, and Mr. F. W. Coleman was chosen to fill a vacancy on the committee. The committee which is composed of twenty-one representative citizens, will go at once actively to work, to bring out the full Democratic vote at the coming election.

The large barn with contents of wheat, oats and farming implements belonging to Mr. A. M. Daniels, of this county, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The loss was heavy and there was no insurance.

Miss Cora L. Bell, sixteen years old, of Spotsylvania county, was attempting to blow out a lamp at her home Tuesday night, when it exploded. The burning oil was thrown this place two hours later, where it was so terribly burned that she died from her injuries in a few hours. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

### Eighty Miles to Marry.

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CHATHAM, VA., September 23.—Miss Sack Lumpkin, formerly of Danville, but now a fireman on the Norfolk and Western in West Virginia, eloped to Pelham Thursday, where they were married in the afternoon. Justice Pierce performed the ceremony. The young couple undressed left the home of the bride Thursday morning, reaching this place two hours later, where they exchanged their trod horses for a fresh team, making all haste possible to the famous Green.

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### Train Runs Into Wagon Loaded With Dynamite.

(By Associated Press.)  
CUMBERLAND, MD., September 23.—Fast freight No. 11, on the Baltimore and Ohio struck a wagon loaded with 25 pounds of dynamite, crossing at North Branch, Va., four miles east of here this afternoon. Two persons were killed and nine were injured, three of them seriously.

The dead are: O. WALTER WHITEHAIR, front brakeman, Brunswick, Md.; NELSON R. WALKER, veteran engineer, scalded all over and internally injured; lived two hours.

The injured are: A. B. Sanders, fireman, North Mountain, W. Va., arm broken, scalded on face, body and hands.

Charles Hamilton, of North Branch, cuts on face and body.

Scott Hamilton, of Little Orleans, Md., cuts in face and body at least fifty in number.

James Ashkettle, Little Orleans, cut in face.

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James Laine, aged twenty-one, who was driving the dynamite wagon, cut on leg and ear-drum fractured.

## ROB TRAINS IN MOTION

Throw Off the Goods and Then Go Back After Them.

### A PETERSBURG WEDDING.

Miss Annie Powers and Mr. Daniel Rowlett Married at the Parochial Residence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., September 23.—A new species of train robber has appeared in Petersburg, and is yet, though supposedly, soon, to be caught.

A few nights ago one of the cars of a fast west-bound Norfolk and Western freight train was robbed of a quantity of merchandise of various kinds when very near this city.

It seems that the thieves must have boarded the car somewhere east of Petersburg, and having broken the seal, thrown the goods out, while the train was running through town, getting off here and returning along the track to find their booty.

The robbers are known to have been here last night, and Captain Ragland, of the police department, has information which, it is believed, will secure the speedy capture of the fugitives and recovery of the stolen property, some of which is already in the hands of the police.

Captain Ragland to-day received from a Baldwin detective at Bedford City a telegram concerning the robbery.

Miss Annie Powers and Mr. Daniel Rowlett were quietly married last evening at the parochial residence of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, in this city. Rev. Father J. T. O'Ferrall performing the ceremony.

Miss Sarah Powers, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Eugene J. Sanguinetti was best man.

A number of friends were present at the ceremony, after which a reception was given at the home of the bride.

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The Baltimore and Ohio tower was wrecked, as were several residences nearby. The commissary of Mike Elmore, Wabash sub-contractor, and the Wabash temporary hospital with other small buildings were demolished. The windows of the school house and of the residence of G. A. Zimmerly on the mountain, half a mile away, were all broken out. No house escaped damage.

James Laine, who drove the wagon escaped with only trivial injury, as did the two horses, although the latter were blown fifty yards into a field.

According to eye-witnesses, Laine, hearing the train, became terrified and stopped on the track. The wagon was three feet of clearing it when the engine struck the rear end, carrying it fifty feet before the explosion. Laine deserted the wagon and ran down from the mountain into a ditch, where he knocked down and rendered unconscious for a time, but the force of the explosion passed over him.

Engine Overturned; Rails Snapped.

The engine was overturned and stripped and seven cars following, loaded with high grade merchandise, were broken, several being demolished. The tracks were thrown out of the bed and twisted serpentine, while rails were snapped like pine stems. The wires were cut and relief was telegraphed for after going to Patter's Creek on a hand-car.

Seven doctors went from here by special train. Engineer Pike was held under iron scraps on top of the boiler while being slowly cooked to death. It required four men to extricate him. The explosion knocked nearly every person in the neighborhood down, hurled Hunter Bowen through a roof, but did not hurt him, and three parts of engine two hundred yards. Slack telegraph wires were snapped midway between poles by the concussion.

FOUR KILLED.

Two Men, One Woman and a Baby Lose Their Lives.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, PA., September 23.—Two men, one woman and a baby, all foreigners, were killed at Braddock to-night by the Pennsylvania fast express, which left here at 9 o'clock.

The accident happened at the Thirteenth Street crossing. The party had just alighted from a street car and started across the tracks on their way home. The crew of a freight train standing on the siding tried to warn them of the approaching express, but in vain.

The woman and baby were thrown about seventy-five yards to the passenger track on the south and the men were thrown to the track on the north. The body of the woman was cut in half and the bodies of the men were heavily mangled.

The party were returning from church, where they had gone to have the baby christened.

HAVE PYTHIAN HALL.

Funds Ready to Erect a Hines Memorial Here.

Judge and Mrs. D. C. Richardson have returned from Louisville, where the former was a delegate to the Supreme Lodge of Pythians.

Following the meeting in the Kentucky metropolis they visited the Exposition. Judge Richardson is much pleased over the prospects for the early building of a memorial hall here to the memory of the late Samuel Hines.

The Supreme Lodge has \$10,000 for the fund and will pay it over to the Virginia Grand Lodge as soon as the latter organization expresses a readiness to proceed. The Hines Memorial Association indicates that the building will be located and the Virginia lodge together have \$5,000 for the same purpose, and shortly expected.

Bazaar Closes To-night.

A large crowd was in attendance at the Sacred Heart bazaar in St. Vincent's Rectory last night.

The bazaar was being sold rapidly and other sales were making good progress.

The voting contests were the most important features of the evening. To-night the doll contests will close at 8:30; for the most popular Chesapeake and Ohio conductor at 9:30; for the most popular member of Council at 10; for the brakeman's lamp at 10:30; for the pocket and chain at 11:30, and for the police captain badge at 11:30.

The vote for the most popular Councilman stands hence, 126, Masuriler, 101; Morton, 2, and Peters, 70.

For the most popular conductor, the votes are for Anthony, 131; Woodward, 40, and Hewlett, 1.

For the most popular girl, who is to receive a doll, the contest stands, Sarah Cummins, 80; Genevieve Nott, 65; and O'Neill, 5.

The chances for the handsome sideboard, silver, road car and man's wardrobe will be continued at Mrs. D. Hallahan's, No. 1706 Cedar Street, and at Mrs. W. P. Leaman's, No. 1804 East Broad Street.

The few remaining chances on the photographs of the Rev. Fathers Magri and DeMunck will be taken at the above places also. The bazaar closes to-night.

Improve the Penitentiary.

Superintendent S. M. Bolling, of the central penitentiary, at Danville, accompanied by directors T. H. Elliott, R. L. Winston and John C. Easley, have just returned from a visit to the Maryland penitentiary, which they inspected with the view to making some improvements in the one in this State.

They found the penitentiary in Baltimore in fine shape, and saw shortly inaugurated some reforms here, after the fashion of those they discovered on their trip.

Buildings Not Ready.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 23.—President J. Carter, of the State Normal and Industrial College, announced to-night, that, owing to failure of contractors to complete the building of the new dormitories to replace the destroyed buildings, the opening of the fall session of the college would be postponed from September 29th, as contemplated, to October 7th.